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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS

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1. THIS MISSION REVIEWED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF THE STAFFING LEVEL OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICE IN PERU (SEE ESPECIALLY LIMA 10864 OF 12/11/76 AND LIMA 4590 OF 5/19/76) AND CONCLUDED THAT THE MILITARY PERSONNEL STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION (3 OFFICERS AND AT THAT TIME 4 NCO'S) WAS THE MINIMUM NEEDED TO CARRY OUT EFFICIENTLY CURRENT FMS AND IMET RESPONSIBILITIES. I HAVE AGAIN REVIEWE D THE STAFFING AND CONCUR GENERALLY IN THAT JUDGMENT. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT THE 7TH POSITION NOW DESIGNATED FOR AND A US CIVILIAN, CURRENTLY UNFILLED, CAN BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT UNDUE DISLOCATION AND RECOMMEND THAT IT BE REMOVED FROM THE STAFFING PATTERN FOR THIS MISSION.

2. AS TO SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATION REQUESTED PARA 3 REFTEL FOR THE 4TH THROUGH 6TH POSITIONS (NCO'S) IN THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION HERE, I WOULD SUPPORT THEIR RETENTION ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:
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- SENIOR OPERAIONS NCO THE SENIOR NCO IS NEEDED TO ADMINISTER THE LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE, MANAGE INFORMATION RELATED TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACT AS LIAISON WITH THE PERUVIAN MILITARY ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.
- TRI-SERIVCE INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS NCO THIS POSITION IS REQUIRED TO MONIOTR THE PROGRESS OF FMS CREDIT AND CASH SALES

(WE HAVE REQUESTED \$10 MILLION IN FMS CREDIT FOR FY 1978) AND KEEP THE ACCOUNTS OF FUNDS DUE THE USG.
-TRI-SERVICE TRAINING NCO - THIS POSITION IS NEEDED TO MANAGE
THE IMET TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PERU (CURRENTLY ONE OF THE LARGEST IMET PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICA) INCLUDING LANGUAGE TESTING AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR PERUVIAN PERSONNEL TO BE SENT TO THE US, AS WELL AS OBTAININ TRAINING MATERIALS FOR USE OF THE PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES.

3. I MAKE THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION IN PERUWILL BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW IN TERMS OF FUTURE LEVELS OF FMS AND IMET ASSISTANCE WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE FURTHER REDUCTION OF THE CURRENT STAFFING.
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